



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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PUBLIC INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT FUNDS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS ***Ten Meetings Scheduled Throughout the County in September***

The County of San Diego's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) invites residents and local organizations to attend one of several meetings to get information about approximately \$11.6 million in federal funds for community development and affordable housing.

County staff will provide information, explain how to apply for the funds and answer questions at ten meetings in September in the county's unincorporated communities and at HCD's Kearny Mesa Office (see attached schedule for details).

HCD also administers funds for the incorporated cities of Carlsbad, Coronado, Del Mar, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach and Vista. Contact cities individually for information about their meetings and application deadlines.

The funds are provided through four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Approximately \$4.8 million is available from the CDBG program, which focuses on improving and revitalizing low-income communities. Eligible projects include street upgrades, community centers, parks, youth and senior centers, water and drainage improvements, and housing rehabilitation loans. The application deadline for CDBG funding is Oct. 26, 2007.

The other three programs fund affordable housing and homeless assistance projects, including services for people living with HIV or AIDS. Application deadlines vary.

For additional information, contact April Torbett in Housing and Community Development at (858) 694-4885, or visit the "Community Partners" section of the department's website at www.sdhcd.com. People who need assistance to participate in the meetings, such as non-English speakers and hearing or visually impaired individuals, should call staff at least five days prior to the meeting to make special arrangements.

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SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM**

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007 6:00 p.m.	Ramona	Ramona Senior Center 434 Aqua Lane Ramona, California
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007 10:00 a.m.	Julian	County Sheriff's Julian Substation 2907 Washington Street (Coalman Creek Circle – Building C) Julian, California
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007 1:30 p.m.	Borrego Springs	Borrego Springs Senior Center 580 Circle J Drive Borrego Springs, California
Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007 6:00 p.m.	Casa De Oro	Casa De Oro Library 9805 Campo Rd., #180 Spring Valley, CA 91977
Monday, Sept. 24, 2007 6:00 p.m.	Lakeside	Lakeside Community Center 9841 Vine Street Lakeside, California
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007 10:00 a.m.	Campo	Campo Community Center 976 Sheridan Road Campo, California
Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007 10:00 a.m.	Fallbrook	Fallbrook Community Center 341 Heald Lane Fallbrook, California
Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007 6:00 p.m.	Spring Valley	Spring Valley Community Center 8735 Jamacha Boulevard Spring Valley, California
Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007 6:00 p.m.	Lincoln Acres	Lincoln Acres Community Center 2725 Granger Avenue Lincoln Acres, California
Friday, Sept. 28, 2007 10:00 a.m.	County Housing & Community Development Headquarters	County Department of Housing and Community Development 3989 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA 92123

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*Public meetings in CDBG participating cities (Coronado, Del Mar, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove, Poway, and Solana Beach) and HOME Consortium cities (Carlsbad, Encinitas, La Mesa, San Marcos, Santee, and Vista) will be held in conjunction with 2008-09 CDBG Program hearings, conducted by the respective city councils. Please contact these cities directly for their meeting schedules.

